

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
MASAKI MIZUTANI ET AL.) Examiner: S. Rao
Div. of Appln. No.: 09/333,019) Group Art Unit: 2814
Filed: Herewith)
For: METHOD OF PRODUCING)
SEMICONDUCTOR THIN FILM :
AND METHOD OF PRODUCING)
SOLAR CELL USING SAME : March 20, 2001

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to action on the merits, please amend the
above-identified divisional application as follows:

In the Specification:

Please insert the following new paragraph on page 1
after line 3 and before line 4.

--This is a division of application no. 09/333,019
filed June 15, 1999.--

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-18 and 23-26 without
prejudice or disclaimer.

Remarks

The claims are 19-22 and 27-29, with claims 19, 21 and 27 being independent. Claims 1-18 and 23-26, successfully prosecuted in the parent application, have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. No new matter has been added.

The specification has been amended to make specific reference to the parent application. No new matter has been added.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below listed address.

Respectfully submitted,


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